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3 things you need to know

1 US, BRITAIN CALL FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE-FIRE IN YEMEN

The United States and Britain called on Sunday for an immediate and unconditional cease-fire in Yemen to end violence between Iran-backed Houthis and the government, which is supported by Gulf states. A Saudi-led campaign in Yemen has come under heavy criticism since an air strike on a funeral gathering in the Yemeni capital Sanaa that killed 140 people according to a United Nations' estimate and 82 according to the Houthis. On Saturday, a U.S. admiral said a destroyer had again been targeted in the Red Sea in an apparent failed missile attack launched from the coast of Yemen. REUTERS

2 IRAQI ARMY DROPS LEAFLETS OVER MOSUL WARNING OF OFFENSIVE

The Iraqi army dropped tens of thousands of leaflets over Mosul before dawn on Sunday, warning residents an offensive to recapture the city from Islamic State was in its final stages of preparation, according to a military statement in Baghdad. The leaflets carried several messages, one of them assuring the population that advancing army units and air strikes "will not target civilians" and another telling them to avoid known locations of Islamic State militants. The assault on Mosul, the last city still under control of the ultra-hardline Islamic State in Iraq, could begin this month with the support of a U.S.-led coalition, according to Iraqi government and military officials. Islamic State fighters are dug in and are expected to fight hard. They have forced civilians to stay in harm's way during previous battles to defend territory. REUTERS

3 GOLDMAN VINDICATED BUT BRUISED IN LIBYAN FUND COURT BATTLE

The outcome of a 2½-year legal battle between Goldman Sachs and Libya's $67 billion sovereign fund is a triumph for the Wall Street giant, which was vindicated despite embarrassing revelations about how some of its bankers conducted business. The London High Court found in favor of Goldman Sachs on Friday, with Judge Vivien Rose dismissing the fund's arguments, made over the course of a bruising seven-week trial. While the Libyan Investment Authority (LIA) is likely to appeal, according to a source with knowledge of the matter, the lurid details spilling out of the case mesmerized observers because of the profile of the parties involved and the glimpse they offered into the secretive world of multi-billion-dollar sovereign wealth fund (SWF) investments.

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1. What are SEPTA workers threatening to do on Nov. 1?

2. How many penalties did the Eagles have in their last two games?

3. Which famous female rocker cameos in "Ordinary World"?

Dr. Jeff Szymanski (left) and Ethan Smith at the Massachusetts State House for OCD Awareness Week. DEREK KOUYOUMJIAN/METRO

Foundation marks 30 years of building awareness of OCD

The average time between an OCD diagnoses and proper treatment is 14 to 17 years, says the foundation's director.

KRISTIN TOUSSAINT

When Ethan Smith was 14 years old, he constantly worried about getting sick and knew only way to cope with that anxiety: He took his temperature 70 times a day.

Smith was diagnosed at that age with OCD—obsessive compulsive disorder. But he didn't receive proper treatment for his mental disorder until he was 31 years old, when he came to McLean Hospital's Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Institute.

"I lost 31 years of my life to some extent, so I really feel like I was reborn after [getting treatment] because living in the moment was completely foreign to me," he said. "When I got better, I felt like an alien. It's really strange, and it's still amazing."

Now 38, Smith returned to Boston on Friday as a spokesman for the International OCD Foundation, which has its headquarters here. The IOCDF is celebrating its 30 years as an organization and just commemorated the end of OCD awareness week.

The IOCDF has made great strides for people with OCD in the last 30 years, but it still has a long way to go, said Executive Director Jeff Szymanski.

The IOCD started in Connecticut where a group of people with OCD participated in one of the first studies about the disorder, Szymanski said. The foundation moved to Boston in 2008 to be closer to its vibrant medical community because the organization focuses on financing OCD research. (Although there is no cure for OCD, the compulsions can be managed.)

Though the foundation has made great strides in terms of growing OCD awareness—more than 1,600 people attended IOCDF's annual conference this year, four times as many as the first conference in 1993—Szymanski said the mental health community still struggles with the diagnosis and how to treat it.

Smith was lucky that he was correctly diagnosed so early. More than three million adults live with OCD in the United States, but physicians misdiagnose patients 50 percent of the time and mental health professionals a third of the time, Szymanski said. It took Smith 17 years to receive proper treatment, and that's a common reality.

Szymanski said the average time between a diagnosis and proper care is between 14 to 17 years.

> *"Coming back to Boston and being able to speak in Boston, where I struggled so much, on a national stage, it's full circle and emotional, but it's also extremely gratifying."*
> Smith

"If you had cancer, who is waiting 14 to 17 years? It's not acceptable anywhere," he said. "Yet, it's the state of things with OCD."

Both Smith and Szymanski highlighted how OCD has been warped in the public's eye: It's not about being "neat" or liking things a certain way. It's a debilitating medical disability stemming from obsessive, anxious thoughts.

"When we're in our rituals, we don't want to be doing them," Smith said. "No one wants to wash their hands 100 times. We know it's irrational, but we believe we have to do it anyway."

After his diagnoses, Smith met with multiple different therapists, but none of them had ever specialized in OCD treatment or were able to refer him to a specialist.

"What I mean by proper treatment is that a general psychologist is not equipped to treat OCD but roughly most of them think that they are," Smith said. "And attempting to treat OCD by doing psychotherapy, called talk therapy—well, what happened was it ultimately made my OCD worse and harder to treat in the future."

Szymanski worked as a clinical psychologist at McLean's OCD Institute before joining the foundation. He explained that while most therapists are trained in psychotherapy—where you talk through your issues and try to uncover how they may have started in your childhood—that's actually damaging for OCD patients.

Instead, professionals need to be trained in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and specifically a subset of that called "exposure and response prevention." In that practice, those with OCD are forced to confront the very things giving them anxiety and prompt their obsessive thoughts. Instead of giving in to their compulsions to ease their anxiety, the patient is forced to sit with it.

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Summer redux

Get ready to shed the sweaters and jackets as summer will make a comeback this week.

Normally during this time of the year, you start reaching for your autumnal gear. Well, put that on hold as temperatures will rise to near-record levels for some as southwesterly winds will usher in unseasonably warm temperatures.

It's a late-season Bermuda high-influence, high-pressure centered over the western Atlantic. A huge clockwise flow of southwesterly winds circulates near Bermuda and extends down into the Gulf states and then sweeps up along the Eastern seaboard.

The results during July and August would be helter-swelter with the mercury soaring into the mid-90s. However, during this time of the year many locations from Philly to New York City to Boston will see temps pop into the mid-80s. Low temperatures by Tuesday morning will be in the lower 60s — normally this would be about the average high for this time of the year.

Now I know what you're thinking: Will this warm shot last into your up-coming weekend? Sorry no can do, as a coastal low could form by Friday and send some rain up along the East Coast, followed by much cooler temperatures over this weekend as the mercury falls back into the 60s and 50s.

On average, October will have above-normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.

Philadelphia

Today: Morning clouds, possible shower, High 80

Tuesday: Summer-like weather, High 85

Wednesday: Summer-like heat, HIgh 87

Thursday: Early fog, warm, High 80

Friday: Rain, cooler, High 68

Saturday: Morning showers, afternoon clearing, High 64

Sunday: Sunny, HIgh 65

Hurricane season

My long-range hurricane outlook that I put out in May, for the season of 2016 was for an active hurricane season with more named storms than normal. Most experts had a below-average outlook. So far this season, my forecast has verified as the hurricane season has been quite active with already 14 named storms as Hurricane Nicole struck the island of Bermuda this past Thursday as a major hurricane. Nicole continues to churn massively high seas in the North Atlantic creating problems for the shipping and fishing lanes. I'm forecasting continued tropical activity through the month of October.

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Business Improvement District proposed for Italian Market

Proponents say a BID would help attract tourists to the area.

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A market known for being a little gritty and rough around the edges may need to clean up its act.

Philadelphia's Italian Market is known as being a destination for some of the best produce stands and restaurants in the city, although the surrounding area doesn't exactly add to its appeal. Boxes, plastic bags and food waste often litter the sidewalks by the end of the business day. There's also an unappetizing aroma in the air. But that's just how it is.

A Business Improvement District (or BID) plan proposed for the Italian Market by the South 9th Street Business Association could make some serious changes if it isn't opposed by at least one-third of merchants in the district. If passed, the bill outlining the BID's policies will require business owners and vendors to pay 0.2 percent of their property value to help pay for new lighting, street cleaning and safety features.

"We never want to get rid of the tradition– but we do need to polish the diamond a little bit," said Michele Gambino of the association. "The whole purpose of the BID is to create a better environment for shoppers."

Although popular gourmet market DiBruno Bros. doesn't advertise their stance on their storefront, they welcome the idea of change– even if it comes at a cost.

"We need to stop the decline of the market," said DiBruno Bros. Vice President Emilio Mignucci. "I grew up here. I believe the people in the neighborhood deserve a cleaner and safer market."

Proponents say the purpose of the BID is to create a more attractive shopping district for Philadelphians and tourists alike. Some businesses in the Italian Market are all for changing the image. But others aren't so sure about it.

"I understand that my real estate value might go up in the long run," said business owner Barry Wilensky, who opposes the BID. "But in the short run, that will cost me more taxes. For that return [on the BID costs], what will that do for my business?"

One goal of the BID is to make the Italian Market more of a tourism destination, according to Councilman Mark Squilla, an advocate of the BID. Although the local business association first thought of introducing a BID back in 2007, it took them seven years to receive the necessary grant money to design a plan to try and make it happen. Now they are just waiting to see if other businesses in the district oppose the plan.

Wilensky's Hardware and Locks is located just off of the main Italian Market that runs along S. 9th Street. His store on East Passyunk Avenue is considered to be in the district. He doubts that a BID would attract more customers to his store, or that the distribution of services would be equal for those who are in the Italian Market and those who aren't.

"I would be paying my fair share but not getting a fair return," said Wilensky. "I don't think that would develop walk-in traffic for the other businesses around me. You're not going to get tourists to come look at a hardware store or auto shop."

Merchants in the business district may submit opposition letters to Squilla's office until Oct. 21.

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Pennsylvania vote on Uber, Lyft law set for this week

A drama that's lasted two full years may finally be coming to an end.

Popular taxi apps Uber and Lyft, which have been operating in Philadelphia during that time without full legal authority to do so and some threats of enforcement from the Philadelphia Parking Authority (PPA), may soon be just as legal in Philly as a traditional taxi cab.

This week, legislation brokered to legalize these types of services in Philadelphia is expected to pass the state House and move toward becoming law.

House Republicans spokesman Steve Miskin told CBS the bill will come up for a vote early this week, and is expected to pass.

The bill still needs to return to the state senate for one more vote before it can reach the governor's desk. But the senate already voted earlier this year on similar legislation.

Uber got a two-year experimental license to operate in the state from the Pennsylvania Utility Commission in 2015. But Philadelphia County's PPA never recognized that license.

The situation was made more complicated after the PPA brokered a 90-day truce that semi-legalized Uber (not Lyft), with the expectation this legislation would be passed in Harrisburg by Sept. 30.

The truce expired without a new law, leading to a panic two weeks ago after a Philly judge ordered Lyft and Uber cease operations — for about 24 hours, until her order was held on appeal.

In the meantime, while the legislative process continues, Uber and Lyft operate unimpeded in Philly.

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SEPTA strike could shut down bus, subway and trolley routes early next month

Members of the Transit Workers Local Union 234 authorized the November strike Sunday.

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After a chaotic summer, SEPTA riders could see still more disruptions in their commutes come Nov. 1.

Members of the Transit Workers Local Union 234 (TWU 234) voted Sunday to go on strike. Union workers could walk out on the first day of November, the day after their contracts expire.

Unless a deal is reached before then, the strike would shut down SEPTA's bus, subway and trolley services in Philadelphia. Regional Rail and services outside the city would not be affected.

Union officials say the contract dispute focuses on a need for pension reform, quality health care and safety and fatigue issues for drivers.

"We're not looking for a day-by-day extension and we're not interested in working without a contract. We want an agreement that is fair to our members that addresses pension plan inequities between managers and frontline workers, while guaranteeing quality service to our passengers," TWU Local 234 President Willie Brown told NBC10.

Brown later told Metro that the union workers "aren't going to tolerate the classism," adding that the pension plans for union workers aren't as lucrative as non-unionized SEPTA employees.

Brown said they could be striking for as long as it takes. After city employees' contracts expire, two more divisions within the union are set to have their contracts expire, as well.

The strike could include anywhere from 4,500 to 4,800 SEPTA transit workers, officials estimated.

A representative for SEPTA told Metro that both parties are still talking.

"While we hope that the union does not exercise its right to strike, we are focusing on reaching a new contract that's in the best interest of our riders, employees and stakeholders," SEPTA said.

During the summer, SEPTA was forced to repair its Silverliner V rail cars. While phasing in the repaired cars, 18 were pulled back out of service for further repairs.

From early July through August, SEPTA riders experienced delays and overcrowding on trains. The transit authority reported that it lost nearly 30,000 passengers during weekday travel.

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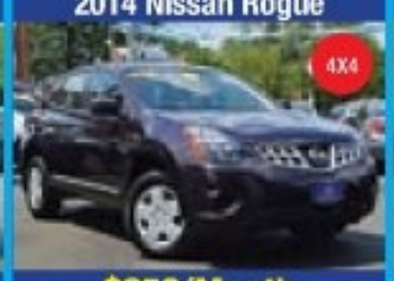

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THE FINAL ROUNDS

TOM FOREMAN
Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the book "My Year of Running Dangerously." @tomforemancnn

Here's how I imagine debate preps: Donald Trump is looking endlessly in the mirror, making a duck face and Hillary Clinton keeps watching the movie "Election" while cheering for Reese Witherspoon. Meanwhile, here are my three things to watch this week in politics.

1. DEBATE REBATE
The final presidential debate comes up Wednesday, and it promises to be a slugfest. Both candidates have tried boxing their way through these matches (well, her mainly) but any semblance to civility is now gone. He'll say the election is rigged and that she's doping her way through their discussions (and no, he won't get the drug test he wants). She will accuse him of consorting with the Russians, being unfit for office and perhaps howling-at-the-moon. None of which will help either of them win voters — although each might scare a few more to the other side.

2. REPUBLICAN REGRETS
The GOP is in turmoil. Traditional Republicans, who were barely able to stomach Trump before, are now choking down antacids by the fistful, just as afraid of him winning as losing. Tea Partiers are rattling around in Ted Cruz T-shirts clucking "I told you so's." And the Trump Army is screaming about spineless hypocrites. So, if you are interested in party unity, watch the polls: If Trump surges again, watch all sorts of GOPers start crawling back on his wagon; if not, listen for echoes from Capitol Hill: Donald who?

3. NOTHING TO SEE HERE
In any normal election all the stories about the Clinton team's hacked emails would dominate the news for days. Snippy comments about staffers, secret speech scripts, naked talk of political posturing. Juicy stuff, right? And it is getting a bit of play, but the uproar around Trump is dominating. The question this week: Can he get out of the spotlight long enough, for her problems to be scrutinized? Considering the scope and severity of his issues ... not likely.

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Wheels of justice barely turn at Gitmo prison

War crimes trials at Guantanamo Bay for suspects accused of attacks against the United States have ground to a near halt a decade after the military courts' creation, with lawyers warning that some detainees could spend many more years waiting to be tried.

Despite President Barack Obama's early vows to close the facility in eastern Cuba amid charges that suspects had been tortured, the United States continues to spend some $91 million a year on military trials at the base, which has 61 remaining inmates.

"The military commissions in their current state are a farce," Marine Brigadier General John Baker, the chief defense counsel, said last month at a Washington legal conference, of the tribunals that prosecute detainees. "The Guantanamo Bay military commissions

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba GETTY IMAGES

have been characterized by delay, government misconduct and incompetence, and more delay."

James Connell, a defense lawyer for Kuwaiti Ammar al Baluchi, one of five suspects on trial for their alleged roles in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, said that trial was not likely until maybe 2020, almost two decades after airline hijackers killed nearly 3,000 people.

Because the court and much of the evidence lies outside the United States, the trial "is 100 times more complex than even a complex ordinary death penalty case," said Connell.

In contrast with Guantanamo, federal prosecutors operating in U.S. courts have secured more than 340 terrorism convictions over the last decade, a Justice Department spokesman said. Tanzanian Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani was transferred from Guantanamo to New York in 2009, and 17 months later a civilian jury convicted him for his role in al Qaeda bombings in East Africa. He is serving a life sentence.

Just six Guantanamo cases have resulted in convictions so far, with two guilty verdicts being appealed, according to the military commissions' website. In one appeals case, a federal court overturned two of the three convictions of Ali Hamza al Bahlul, the suspected publicist for slain al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. An appeal decision is pending on the third charge.

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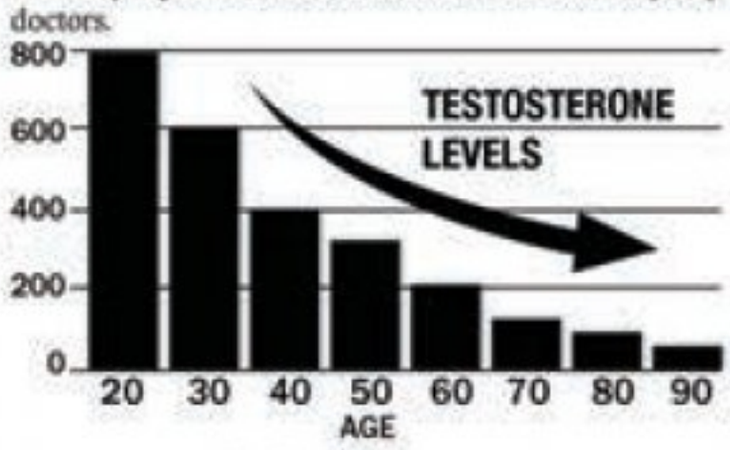
Low 'T-levels' can also trigger insomnia, premature aging of the skin, increased body fat, muscle loss, depression, and worrisome mind and memory problems. The good news is that restoring testosterone to optimal, youthful levels is a fairly easy process. The bad news is that it's painful and expensive. One has to endure repeated doctor visits, blood tests, painful injections deep into large muscles, or the daily application of ineffective, expensive adhesive patches or messy topical creams. Now, there's a better way, say doctors.



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In the quest to keep aging men young and vibrant, scientists looked beyond human testosterone to discover an ensemble of natural fire-starters and sexual enhancers that re-kindle a man's sexual powers by naturally elevating testosterone.

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"Beyond Human Testosterone is an impressive formula," says physician Dr. Steve Klayman.

"Its ability to stimulate the body into producing more testosterone makes it perfect for every man who wants to boost his sexual response, improve his physical appearance, brighten his moods, and slow the rate at which his body is aging."

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Kevin J. San Angelo, Texas is in full agreement. He has his life back. "I've had problems sustaining my erections," confesses Kevin. "I tried Beyond Human Testosterone and my erection was unusually hard and I lasted longer than I have in years." Reactions like this are not surprising to Dr. Klayman

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Increasing levels of testosterone is, by itself, may not be enough to fully restore waning sexual powers, warns Dr. Klayman

With age and the natural upheaval in hormonal balance, some men, by no fault of their own, will begin to convert testosterone to... estrogen.

Ever seen a man with pronounced 'man boobs?' This is often caused by this unwanted shift in estrogen-testosterone balance. The Beyond Human Testosterone formula prevents this with the addition of a remarkable phytonutrient called diindolylmethane, or DIM. DIM helps safeguard and protect a man's testosterone reserves and supports overall hormone balance. Then we went a step further and put the "magic bullet" into the Beyond Human Testosterone formula.

Best Friend Re-Appears

Susan M. who lives in a large city on the west coast writes about her husband's night-and-day turnaround.

"Jim has been on Beyond Human Testosterone for four weeks and the changes are miraculous. He's like his old self again."

"My husband's moods have perked up," says Susan.

"He's a lot more adventurous. Romance-wise, it's like it was when we first met.," she smiles.

"He's caring, adventurous, and extremely passionate. I've got my best friend back!"

"Thanks to Beyond Human Testosterone, I've gone from having sex once a week, or sometimes less, to three or four times a week," laughs Jim.

"On our last vacation in Mexico, Susan and I were at it almost every day and night. It was like being on our honeymoon again."

A human clinical study in the journal *Phytotherapy Research* reported that the herbal extract fenugreek boosted libido in 82% of men who consumed the dietary supplement in the twelve-week study. In addition, 63% of the men taking the fenugreek noted an improvement in the quality of sexual performance and 67% of men indicated the herbal extract enhanced their sexual recovery time.

Fenugreek has been studied in the past for its effects in blood sugar maintenance in diabetics and its cholesterol-lowering effects among those with hyperlipidemia (high cholesterol and high triglycerides). Fenugreek seeds are rich in a chemical compound known as saponins. According to the study authors, one of the common saponins found in fenugreek is diosgenin, a steroid-like precursor for the synthesis of a number of sex hormones. Beyond Human is one of only a few testosterone boosters that contains this amazing ingredient.

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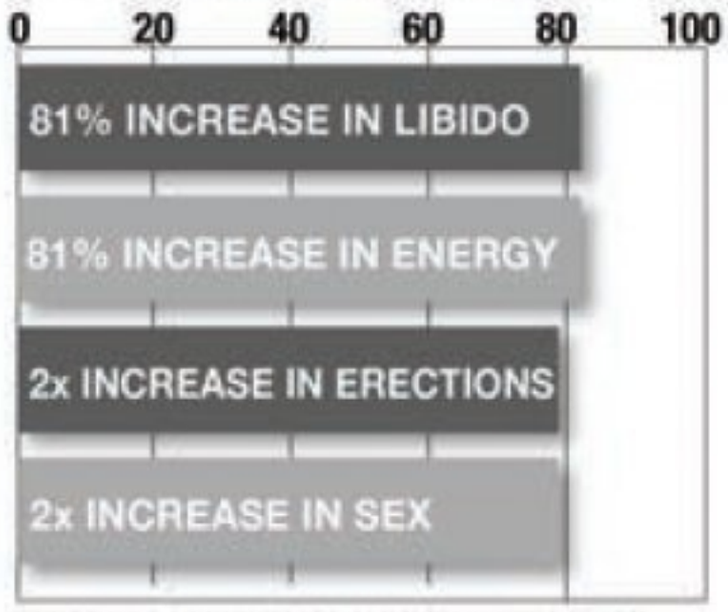

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European-led Mars lander starts descent to red planet

A Mars lander left its mothership on Sunday after a seven-month journey from Earth and headed toward the red planet's surface to test technologies for Europe's planned first Mars rover, which will search for signs of past and present life.

The disc-shaped 1,272-pound Schiaparelli lander separated from spacecraft Trace Gas Orbiter and started a three-day descent to the surface.

But in a setback, signals received from TGO, which is to orbit Mars and sniff out gases around the planet, did not contain data on the lander's onboard status.

"We have to receive and process this telemetry [data] first and after that we can say what has happened. But on the side of [Schiaparelli] I would say that the separation was a success," Paolo Ferri, head of mission operations at ESA, told Reuters TV at ESA's Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt, Germany.

Schiaparelli, part of the European-Russian ExoMars program, represents only the second European attempt to land a craft on Mars, after a failed mission by Britain's Beagle 2 in 2003.

Landing on Mars, Earth's neighbor some 35 million miles away, is a notoriously difficult task that has bedeviled most Russian efforts and given NASA trouble as well. The United States currently has two operational rovers on Mars, Curiosity and Opportunity.

But a seemingly hostile environment has not detracted from the allure of Mars, with President Barack Obama recently highlighting his pledge to send people to the planet by the 2030s.

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Elon Musk's SpaceX is developing a massive rocket and capsule to transport large numbers of people and cargo to Mars with the ultimate goal of colonizing the planet, with Musk saying he would like to launch the first crew as early as 2024.

The primary goal of ExoMars is to find out whether life has ever existed on Mars. The current spacecraft, TGO, carries an atmospheric probe to study trace gases such as methane around the planet.

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Oil majors experiment with technology to weather crisis

Oil majors including Statoil, Shell and Chevron are experimenting with various technologies, from drones and drill design to data management, to drive down costs and weather a deep downturn.

Crude prices have more than halved since mid-2014, forcing companies to cut billions of dollars in costs. Determined to shield dividends and preserve the infrastructure that will allow them to compete and grow if the market recovers, they are increasingly looking to smarter tech and design to make savings.

French oil and gas major Total said it was now using drones to carry out detailed inspections on some of its oil fields following a trial at one of its Elgin/Franklin platforms in the North Sea.

Cyberhawk, the drone company that led the trial, said this kind of work was previously carried out by engineers who suspended themselves from ropes at dizzying heights. It said the manned inspection used to take seven separate two-week trips with a 12-man team that had to be flown in and accommodated on site.

Drones are being used for inspections on some oil fields. GETTY IMAGES

The drones do the work in two days and at about a tenth of the cost, according to the Britain-based firm's founder Malcolm Connolly, who said it had also worked with ExxonMobil, Shell, ConocoPhillips and BP.

Total declined to comment on how long the manned or drone inspections took, or specify how much money was saved.

Statoil's giant Johan Sverdrup field, the largest North Sea oil find in three decades which is due to start production in 2019, is a leading industry case study for cutting costs in the era of cheap oil.

The Norwegian company has cut its development costs for the first stage of the project by a fifth compared with estimates given in early 2015, to 99 billion crowns ($12.2 billion).

The savings have largely been made by focusing on the most efficient technology and designs from the beginning, Statoil's head of technology Margareth Oevrum told Reuters in an interview.

Executives say the growing attention on technologies that have been around for some time shows how wasteful the global industry had been in the years before the downturn when — with crude at above $100 a barrel delivering bumper profits — oil companies had little incentive to develop fields efficiently.

For example, simply finding a more efficient route for the oil pipeline that would carry the crude from the Sverdrup field to the onshore refinery cut 1 billion crowns, Statoil said.

Statoil has also developed a drilling "template" that is acting as a guide for the first eight wells to be drilled at the field. It said it had reduced the overall drilling time by more than 50 days, saving about 150 million crowns per production well compared with what it would have cost with 2013 techniques. REUTERS

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Intruder shot at Miranda Kerr's home

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Just as we are finally loosening up a bit after Kim Kardashian West's harrowing experience with armed robbers in Paris, another violent altercation has us clutching our pearls. According to local news outlets, on Friday morning, a security guard at the home of Miranda Kerr confronted an intruder who somehow scaled an electric fence to gain access to the property. A gory altercation ensued between the two men, which left the security guard stabbed in the eye and the intruder shot multiple times.

It appears that Kerr, the supermodel who is engaged to billionaire Snapchat founder Evan Spiegel, was not home at the time of the break-in. Witnesses suspect that the intruder was homeless. This incident has made it frighteningly clear that security to the stars need to be trained in more than thwarting paparazzi.

Billy Bush nearing settlement to leave 'Today' show

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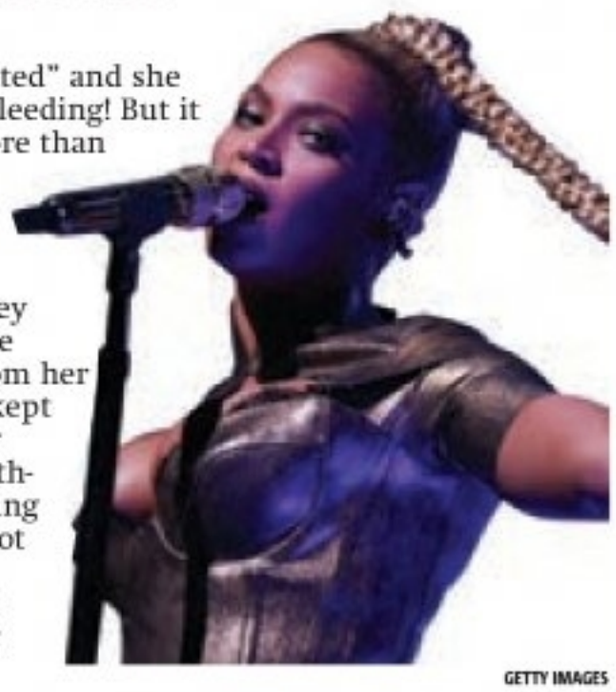
Last week, we reported that Billy Bush had been suspended from the "Today Show" indefinitely over his participation in a vulgar 2005 conversation with Donald Trump, that included talks of trying to sleep with married women and grabbing other women "by the p—." We're still grossed out about it. Obviously NBC is, too. Now, with negotiations closed, Bush is nearing a settlement deal with the network over his permanent separation from the show, CNN reports.

It was initially reported that Bush would receive $10 million, but representatives from the network quickly shut that down, although that amount may not be far off. The Daily Mail reports that Bush is actually looking at $9 million. We think it's safe to say that this is the best way to get fired, ever.

Beyoncé performs with ripped earlobe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Beyoncé is the greatest living performer and we're not here to argue about it. Even though she's finished her "Formation World Tour," the 35-year-old performer graced the stage again for Tidal X: 1015, a concert which raised money for the Robin Hood Foundation at Brooklyn's Barclays Center on Saturday night. But it wasn't an entirely graceful affair. Queen Bey's earring ripped during her performance of "Haunted" and she started bleeding! But it takes more than a little blood to stop this show. Baddie Bey wiped the blood from her ear and kept the show going without missing a beat. Not that we expected anything less.

Kim makes first appearance since robbery

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It looks like the Kardashian clan is slowly coming around after Kim's harrowing robbery. Last Thursday evening, Kim Kardashian West was spotted out for the first time since heading home to Los Angeles after her terrifying Parisian ordeal. E! News reported that she was low key in a black hoodie and leggings for a quick trip to a Beverly Hills restaurant. She rushed back to her awaiting car about 30 minutes later, flanked by security, of course.

Younger sis Kendall Jenner, who had to testify against a stalker earlier in the day, made her first public appearance since the incident on Thursday, as well. US Weekly reports the 20 year-old supermodel toasted the opening of a new What Goes Around Comes Around store in Los Angeles and filmed a couple of scenes for an upcoming season of "Keeping Up with the Kardashians." No matter how much they may want to, the Kardashians can't hide from the cameras.

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The English-born actress gets her big break in a movie where she hunts down Ben Affleck.

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Before "The Accountant," Cynthia Addai-Robinson was just your average struggling actor. She has plenty of credits to her name: She was Naevia in "Spartacus: War of the Damned," Amanda Waller in "Arrow," Emily West in "Texas Rising." But "The Accountant" is her first big role in a big movie. She plays Marybeth, a worker bee at the Treasury Department tasked (blackmailed, really) by a fed (J.K. Simmons) to figure out the truth about a math wiz (Ben Affleck) who might have mob ties. The movie arrives shortly before "Shooter," the forthcoming USA network show based on the Mark Wahlberg movie, in which she's the female lead opposite Ryan Phillippe.

Born in England but raised in America, Addai-Stevenson, 31, talks to us about liking dense movies, her sudden flurry of strong roles and the difficulty of staring at computer screens onscreen.

I have to admit this movie is so dense that I don't think I got all of it. Even at the end when I could piece it all together, I was sure I was missing a lot of nuances and details.

I personally like these kinds of movies, where it plays out and then it gets to the end and you're thinking back to everything you just watched. You want to go back and watch it again. Everything that's being presented is there for a reason; there's not a shot or frame that's wasted.

Cynthia Addai-Robinson plays a worker bee at the Treasury Department tasked with finding out the truth about Ben Affleck's mysterious number-cruncher in "The Accountant." CHUCK ZLOTNICK

Every little piece of information is meaningful. It feels like there are fewer and fewer times in life where something is really demanding that of you, where you shut everything else out and really focus on the story unfolding in front of you. It's like reading a satisfying book.

Marybeth is a very quiet person who's always thinking. Did you identify with that?

I tend to be a pretty ana-

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lytical person. I'm somebody who's constantly thinking and always in my own head. Perhaps that element works for this character. I'm a pretty reserved, quiet person, though I'm not necessarily passive. If I'm just sitting still, there's a lot going on in my brain.

You spend a lot of the movie staring at computer screens. I imagine that's weirdly difficult to do and not make look strange.

[Laughs] You don't want to push it. It can start getting a little weird if you're staring at a computer and you feel you have to contort your face to show the audience I'm discovering things, connecting the dots. You don't want to be too heavy-handed about it.

J.K. Simmons' character tasks her with working with him on this case, as though he sees something in her she doesn't know she has. As an actor, do you feel that way a lot?

I'm not in a position where I can select my roles. I have to audition the old-fashioned way. I prepared [for this] as I do for anything I go in for. But at the end of the day, whatever qualities they saw in me were ones I wasn't aware of. I've been having more and more instances like that. And I've even been having a better sense of myself. When people give you more and more opportunities, you start owning that. That's been a lovely discovery for me the last few years. I've been lucky to play female characters who are strong, are intelligent, are a little vulnerable. Those are the most interesting roles.

It's a good thing we're seeing more interesting female characters on-screen.

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Billie Joe Armstrong

Green Day's leading man takes on his first starring role in "Ordinary World."

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Billie Joe Armstrong, left, plays a former punk rocker turned family man, married to Karen (Selma Blair), right. PROVIDED

In "Ordinary World," Green Day's Billie Joe Armstrong stars as Perry Miller, a former punk rocker coming to terms with his square existence as a family man living in Queens, working at a hardware store. Approaching 40, Miller is happily married to Karen (Selma Blair) with two kids, but he spends a lot of time pondering what could have been. Armstrong, who is 44 himself, chats with us about making family a priority, getting the acting bug and broing out with co-star Fred Armisen.

"Ordinary World" is out today in theaters and on demand.

This role shows what your life might look like if Green Day hadn't been successful. Did you ponder that "what if" as you were getting into character?

The rad thing about Perry is he puts his family first, and I can relate to that with my own family. As far as the professional side of it, I come from a very working class background: My dad was a truck driver, my brother's a plumber, my other brother's a custodian, so somehow, I probably would have ended up … the president of the United States of America? [Laughs.] I probably would have ended up working with them and trying to support my hobby as a

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musician as much as I could.

What drew you to this film?
After I did "American Idiot" on Broadway, I guess I got the acting bug a little bit and I started getting smaller roles like on "Nurse Jackie" and on "Like Sunday, Like Rain" and then [writer/director] Lee Kirk asked if I was interested in it. I read it and basically fell in love with it overnight.

How is acting different from musical performance?
The hard part is probably bringing someone else's words to life. [As far as Green Day], I am the character and writing my own songs. I think I just try to approach it with the same work ethic that I do with everything.

The scene where Perry meets Joan Jett is pretty funny considering it's you. What is your relationship with Jett?
Joan's a legend. The Blackhearts and Green Day toured together in Europe. There was a scene where Lee wanted a rock star to come in and I thought she'd be amazing, and I asked her if she wanted to do it and she was game. I love Joan. She actually came to my 40th birthday, believe it or not.

What was it like to work with Fred Armisen?
He's hilarious in a way where we were just being bros, as you say. We had a lot in common. Actually, our bands played together in the early '90s, so it was fun to reminisce about that and talk music. We both were pretty tired while we were shooting together, so there was that kind of delirious comedy.

Perry splurges on a presidential suite at the Drake Hotel to attempt to throw a birthday rager. You've probably stayed in countless hotel rooms like that in your career.
The difference between Perry Miller's experience and mine is that the TV actually did fly out of the window on several occasions. [Laughs]

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The four-day work week

Experts say restructured time could increase efficiency and health of workers.

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Many social organizations, renowned experts and even one of the richest men in the world, Carlos Slim, have voiced their enthusiasm for a shorter working week, with the aim of improving the lives of employees and boosting the economy.

There are existing success stories to support the move to a shorter week —four 10-hour days — but many companies are still reluctant to reduce their employees' hours. Experts, however, argue that a reduction in the working week — without a reduction in pay — can provide us with significant environmental, social, and economic benefits.

"A shorter working week could improve well-being, challenge gender inequalities, leave us with more time to spend with friends and family, more time to actively participate in our communities, and with more free time to spend doing the things we love," Aidan Harper, assistant researcher at New Economics Foundation, explains.

The shortening of the workweek, say experts, could also help cities and even society in general by reducing traffic issues and energy consumption.

"Our society will also benefit as a whole as office commuters and corresponding traffic will be reduced," says Pramila Rao, associate professor of human resources at Marymount University. "This will significantly lower environmental pollution, especially in metropolitan areas. Organizations can save on energy bills making the environment more green-friendly."

However, while there are many groups that support the idea of shortening the workweek and there are many arguments in favor, experts warn that four 10-hour days does not suit all businesses, and others say that it could cause health problems for workers,

Allard Dembe, professor of public health at Ohio State University, recently wrote in the journal The Conversation about hidden hazards in "compressing" five working days into four, such as the health effects that can occur as a result of fatigue and stress that accumulate over a longer-than-normal working day. The professor adds that for employees who are already suffering from overwork, the additional burden of compressing five days into four could break the worker's back.

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Eagles fans can finally see some rookie mistakes from Wentz, reminding the NFL that he's still an unrefined and young quarterback. GETTY IMAGES

3 Things we saw as the Eagles defense collapsed in Washington

The Eagles fall to 3-2 after a subpar showing in D.C. Sunday afternoon.

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For the second time in as many games, Carson Wentz had the football in his hand during crunch time.

And in Sunday's 27-20 Eagles loss, Wentz's teammates were unable to help the rookie in an ugly division loss that was not as close as the score might indicate..

Wentz led the Eagles on a drive downfield, fighting against pressure to extend plays and move the football to midfield before two sacks at the two-minute warning put Philly under the gun with a fourth and 24, trailing by seven points. Instead of going for the miracle Doug Pederson elected to punt.

After two tackles at the line of scrimmage, a 57-yard Matt Jones sprint clinched the game and earned the Redskins their fourth straight win.

The Eagles once again were flagged — a lot. And arguably that may have cost them victories in this game and in last week's loss in Detroit. Philly was called for committing 13 penalties for 114 yards in the setback. In back-to-back games since the bye week, the Birds have had 27 penalties called on them.

Another football sin was committed by the offensive line, missing Lane Johnson who began his 10-game suspension this week, Halapoulivaati Vaitai made his first career start at right tackle and the Washington defense feasted on a makeshift O-line, sacking Wentz five times and pressuring him on nearly every drop back.

Here are three takeaways from the Week 6 defeat:

1 An inconsistent defense

The Eagles' defense came out hot, but eventually found itself unable to keep the 'Skins from moving the chains as they eventually struck on two long scoring drives to jump ahead 14-0.

Malcolm Jenkins helped change the narrative later in the second, taking an interception 64-yards to the house to tie the game at the 3:55 mark.

In a critical spot late in the first half on the ensuing drive, the Eagles failed to hold the Redskins, mired in Philly's red zone, from scoring a touchdown. A key Fletcher Cox roughing the passer penalty gave Washington a new set of downs, and D.C. was able to score six points on a toss play to Matt Jones, putting them up 21-14 as the halftime buzzer sounded.

The Eagles D gave up 493 yards of offense, including 230 yards on the ground and 263 to Kirk Cousins, who threw a pair of touchdown passes in the Washington victory.

2 Where's the offense?

This question could be asked literally in the middle of Sundays game, as the Eagles went nearly 20 minutes and 38 straight plays without running an offensive play (aside from a kneel) due to their two non-offensive touchdowns and the potent Washington defense.

After four overly impressive performances from Wentz and the Eagles offense, the phase was silenced by the Washington defense — a group that rank among the worst in all of football. In the first half, Wentz was just 3-of-8 for 28 yards, with the running game providing only 29 yards.

A big 54-yard bomb from Wentz to Jordan Matthews finally woke Philly's offense up, leading to a Caleb Sturgis field goal and a 24-17 deficit early in the fourth quarter. Another three points came a few minutes later, answering a Washington field goal with one of their own, 27-20 the score with just over five minutes to go. Had the Eagles scored touchdowns on both drives, the game would have played out a lot differently. Questions will certainly linger this week about what exactly is going on when the Eagles have the ball.

3 Special special teams

If there's one thing Philly's football team has become synonymous with, it's special teams play. After a relatively quiet unit over the season's first four weeks, the kick-off return unit — led surprisingly b rookie Wendell Smallwood — put the Eagles on the board for the first time and reversed some unfriendly momentum. Smallwood scored his first NFL touchdown on an 86-yard scamper midway through the second quarter.

If the Eagles intend to be competitive as the difficult part of their schedule approaches (with the unbeaten Vikings coming to town next week) special teams contributions will be an important part should they be successful.

Nail-biters, big performances highlight Week 6 action

A few surprising finishes characterized an exciting early afternoon of action.

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The Patriots offense seemed to be firing on all cylinders Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Here's a look at the early action in Week 6 around the NFL:

New Orleans 41, Carolina 38
The Panthers (1-5) dropped their fourth straight game despite welcoming Cam Newton back to the lineup. Newton and Drew Brees combined for 97 pass attempts in this shootout in the Superdome.

Jacksonville 17, Chicago 16
Arrelious Benn took a slant 51 yards for his first touchdown since 2011 and completed a Jaguars (2-3) comeback as they scored all 17 of their points in the fourth quarter.

Buffalo 45, San Francisco 16
Colin Kaepernick connected with Torrey Smith for a 53-yard touchdown to put the Niners (1-5) up, 10-7, early, but then LeSean McCoy took it to his old coach, Chip Kelly, with 140 yards rushing and three touchdowns.

Detroit 31, Los Angeles 28
After eight straight touchdowns, Matt Prater nailed a 34-yard field goal to give the Lions (3-3) the victory over the Rams (3-3) in a game where neither team led by more than a touchdown.

Miami 30, Pittsburgh 15
Ben Roethlisberger was briefly knocked out of this game, but the Steelers (4-2) struggled all day regardless of their QB to move the ball and stop the Miami (2-4) run game.

New York Giants 27, Baltimore 23
Odell Beckham Jr. recovered from an early fumble to explode for 222 yards and two touchdowns against the Ravens (3-3).

Tennessee 28, Cleveland 26
Terrelle Pryor caught his second touchdown of the day from Cody Kessler but the Browns (0-6) couldn't convert the two-point conversion to get within a score. Marcus Mariota had his second straight game with three passing touchdowns.

New England 35, Cincinnati 17
Tom Brady is making up for lost time, now with six touchdowns and almost 800 yards in his first two games back under center.

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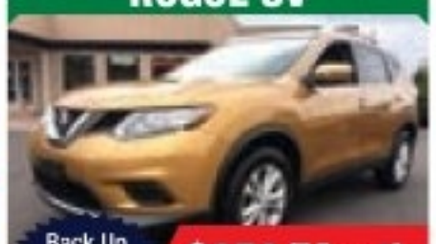
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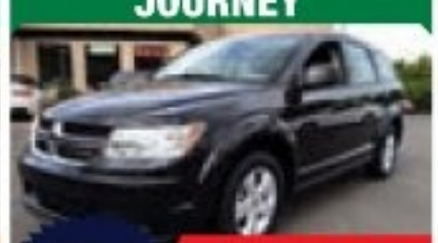
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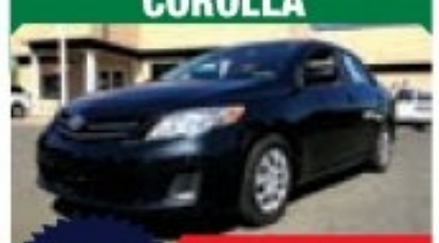
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Quakers spoil Bagnoli's return

The Quakers continue to contend for an Ivy League title.

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Al Bagnoli's been around long enough to know a good story line. And you don't get any better than having the man who coached Penn for 23 years — the final one after he'd already announced his "retirement" at the end of the season, only to change his mind and take over the reins at Columbia, the worst program in the Ivy League — return to his old stomping grounds at Franklin Field

One would expect Bagnoli's young Lions to take it to his old Quakers, coached by his former longtime assistant and good friend, Ray Priore. Maybe some time in the future, but not yet.

"The program's finding its stride, gaining a foothold in this league," said Bagnoli, after his team gave the reining Ivy League co-champs a battle for three quarters Saturday, before Penn broke it open for a 35-10. "It's been rewarding. It's been satisfying. It's been frustrating. But we're working with great kids at a great place. Moving forward I think there are brighter days on the horizon for us."

And no regrets about what seemed an impulsive decision back in February 2015, taking over a program that had lost 21 straight and has had just three winning season in 50 years.

"I didn't plan on doing this," admitted Bagnoli, after Penn's Alek Torgersen threw for 241 yards and three touchdowns in the win. "I wasn't retiring from work. I tried administration and it just wasn't for me. When I had an opportunity to go back it was a wonderful opportunity but obviously a challenge. We're still not where we want to be but we're heading in the right direction."

Alec Torgersen has become a staple for the Quakers at quarterback over the past few seasons. PENN ATHLETICS

As for the school he left behind with nine Ivy League titles, they've managed just fine. Since going 2-8 Bagnoli's final season, the Quakers have rebounded to go 7-3 last year and earn a piece of the crown, then 3-2 this year.

"We knew the cupboard wasn't bare," said Bagnoli, now 3-12 in his new digs. "But Ray and his staff have done a wonderful job with those guys. They are really high-powered on offense and they can make explosive plays.' We did a nice job first half bottling them up (down only 7-0). They did a good job in the second, but the final score wasn't totally indicative of how we played."

For Priore and company, once they forgot about who was on the other side of the field, things went much smoother.

"How could you not think about it?" conceded Priore, Bagnoli's assistant for 27 years. "I've watched him … and he's watched me for years, so the little chess match going back and forth is always fun.

"But whether we're playing Al or playing my brother [Chuck Priore coaches Stony Brook], you try to separate it. We don't want it to be a distraction for the kids."

Next up is Yale on Friday in New Haven, followed by Brown, Princeton and Harvard, as the Quakers try to preserve their piece of the Ivy lead. Meanwhile, Bagnoli's trying to do the impossible: Make Columbia football relevant again.

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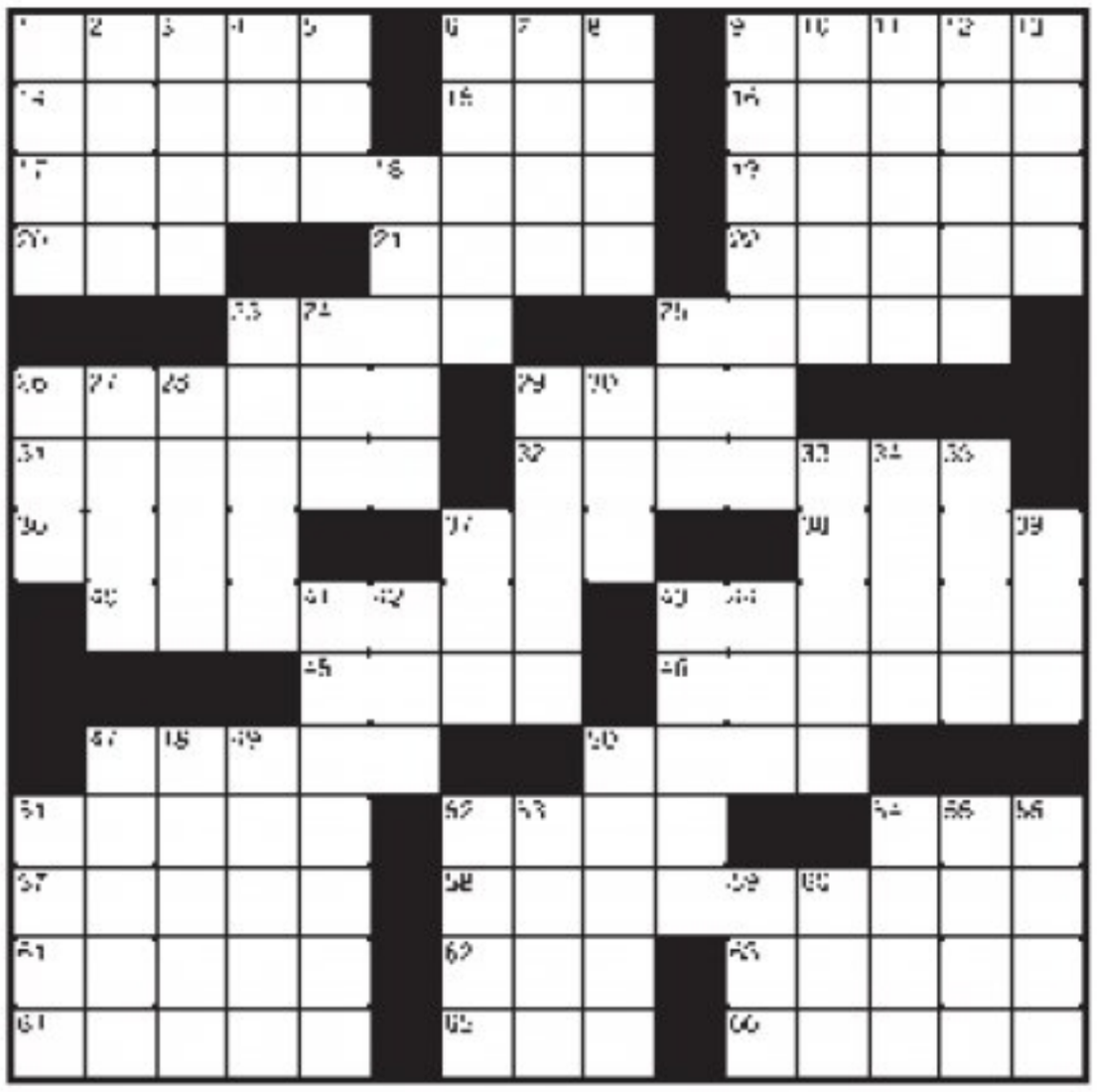

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Aries You might run into one of your least favorite people at a social gathering. If you allow your dislike to surface, the event is likely to lose its luster.

Taurus A disagreement between you and your mate could turn into something serious if neither one of you shows a willingness to compromise.

Gemini Criticism of someone's work will not necessarily help enhance his or her performance. To encourage this person, your comments must be constructive and positive.

Cancer If you haven't been too good about managing your money lately, you won't have the funds you need to buy that something you want. Plan better for the future.

Leo Any restrictions to which you might be subjected are not likely to be the fault of others, but will be a product of your own mismanagement.

Virgo If you're too self-involved, your efforts aren't likely to bring you much satisfaction today. This malady can easily be cured by putting the needs of others first.

Libra Allowing friends to pressure you into spending more money could cause you to resent them instead of yourself. You must be the one who has the willpower to abstain.

Scorpio Because you're likely to do everything the hard way, you may not be able to achieve all of your objectives. Try to use your time wisely.

Sagittarius Guard against a tendency to anticipate negative outcomes. If you think you might fail, you'll make sure to find a way to prove yourself right.

Capricorn Don't allow yourself to get into a a bad financial position. Don't start borrowing from friends if you'll have trouble paying them back.

Aquarius Be careful, because your colleagues could have a stronger influence over your doings than you'd like. Their aims might not be in harmony with yours.

Pisces If you have a bad attitude, unplanned developments could become overwhelming. Try to roll with the punches and hope for the best. EUGENIA LAST

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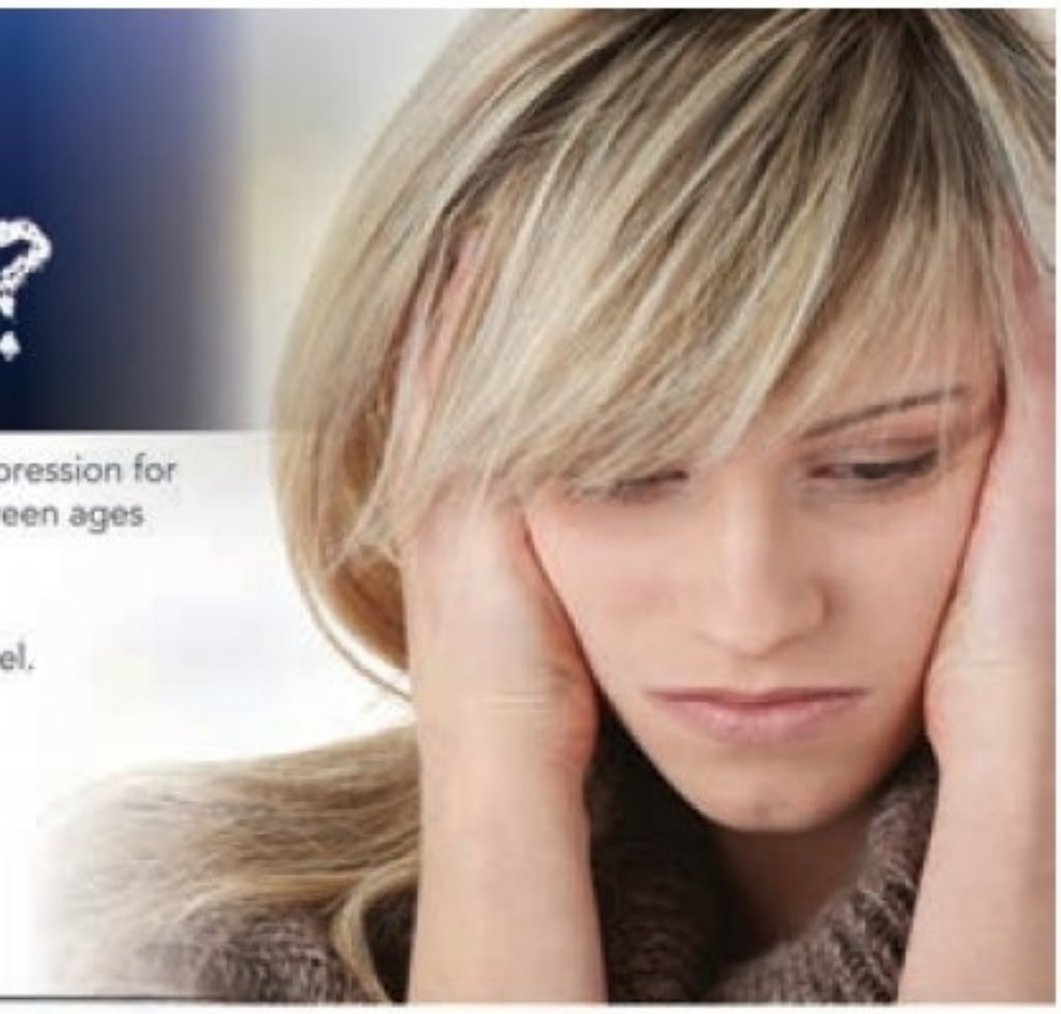

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